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> Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support - LCLS **Annual Certification Filing**

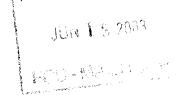
This is to certify that CHEROKEE TELEPHONE CO will use its Interstate Common Line Support and Long Term Support-ICLS only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This is for the study area listed below:

CHEROKEE TELEPHONE CO - STATE OF OKLAHOMA STUDY AREA CODE – 431979

Signed,	
James C. Joung Date: May 12, 200	03
[Signature of Authorized Representative]	
James O. Young [Printed Name of Authorized Representative]	
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